

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Thirteenth Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Thirteenth Norfolk Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (149) of admissions reside in the Thirteenth Norfolk Representative District.¹ **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Thirteenth Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 77% were male and 23% were female.
- 58% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 89% were white non-Latino, 1% were black non-Latino, 5% were Latino, and 5% were other racial categories.
- 68% were never married, 18% were married, and 14% reported not to be married now.
- 22% had less than high school education, 38% completed high school, and 40% had more than high school education.
- 46% were employed.
- 5% were homeless.
- 29% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Thirteenth Norfolk Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	63 %	21%	5%	1%	1%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

¹ To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003							
Thirteenth Norfolk Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	117	99	36	23	11	29	18
FY '96	135	115	48	37	21	26	20
FY '97	147	132	41	39	26	32	25
FY '98	157	135	43	29	13	34	27
FY '99	141	124	44	24	18	26	19
FY '00	143	120	41	25	4	28	17
FY '01	115	90	33	21	4	28	21
FY '02	126	107	35	28	10	34	30
FY '03	149	114	39	30	14	33	16